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26 June 1959

**MEMORANDUM FOR :** Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

**SUBJECT :** Review of Recovery Probabilities on  
DISCOVERER

**REFERENCE :** Letter to DCI from Director, ARPA, dated  
22 June 1959, with enclosure, subject as  
above, dated 19 June 1959

1. Herewith is a communication from the Director, ARPA to the DCI who handed it to me and suggested that the answer be for my signature. Would you, therefore, have a letter prepared which should start with the phrase "Mr. Dulles has asked me to reply..." or words to that effect.

2. I have read both the letter and the paper. What Mr. Johnson is proposing seems to me to be exactly what we agreed with ARPA some time ago. If so, I assume we will concur. The way is open, however, to make any comments on the analysis that we may think appropriate.

3. I am somewhat baffled as to Mr. Johnson's reasons for handling this particular matter through a formal communication. I can only surmise that he feels an obligation laid on him and wants to have a record of our concurrence in the proposed course of action. I am perfectly willing to give him such a written record and thus assume a fair share of responsibility, but I wonder if we could not inquire diplomatically to Mr. Golovin as to their reasons for doing this particular piece of business in this particular way.

4. I would like to have the reply go out by 29 June if at all possible.

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